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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/286,046xx/xxx,xxx, Attorney Docket No. 4605, entitled "Link Trunking and Measuring Link Latency in Fibre Channel Fabric," filed April 23, 2001, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein. This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/135,615, also entitled "Link Trunking and Measuring Link Latency in Fibre Channel Fabric," filed April 20, 2002.